

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**December 9, 2011**

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on December 9, 2011 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Daniel Beardsley; Michael Boyce; Susan Knorr Rodriguez and Gayle Mambro-Martin (present on behalf of Mark Dingley).

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Melissa Malone and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

A draft of the November 4, 2011 meeting minutes was mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin, it was:

**VOTED**                      To approve the meeting minutes of November 4, 2011.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

## **RECONSIDERATION HEARING**

**Susan Petrarca**

A 53 year old teacher with the West Warwick School Department for 21 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a determination regarding Ms. Petrarca's application for an accidental disability pension.

## **MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED**

**Joanne Palazzo**

A 52 year old municipal teacher's aide with the Central Falls School Department for 1 year 10 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement. Ms. Mambro-Martin voted Nay.

## **ORDINARY MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED**

**Robert Cahill, Sr.**

A 52 year old state communication system operator with the Department of Transportation for 7 years and 6 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Beardsley:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a determination regarding Mr. Cahill's application for an ordinary disability pension.

**Raymond Hoyas**

A 51 year old Secretary of the Senate, with 24 years and 3 months of service.

A motion to deny Mr. Hoyas' ordinary disability application was made by Mr. Beardsley. There was no second of Mr. Beardsley's motion. Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve Mr. Hoyas' application. Mr. Beardsley accepted the request from Mr. Finelli to temporarily chair the Subcommittee. Mr. Finelli seconded Mr. Boyce's motion. The motion to approve Mr. Hoyas' application was denied, Attorneys Rodriguez and Mambro-Martin and Mr. Beardsley voted against the motion made by Mr. Boyce.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Mambro-Martin and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a determination of Mr. Hoyas' application for an ordinary disability pension.

Mr. Finelli resumed acting as chair of the Subcommittee.

### **ORDINARY DISABILITY**

**John Czajkowski** A 64 year old state customer service representative II, with the Department of Motor Vehicles for 6 years and 10 months and 23 days.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Donald Cala** A 57 year old teacher with the Providence School Department for 15 years and 9 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Rosemary Oliver** A 54 year old municipal special education teacher with the East Providence School Department for 10 years and 5 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Linda Markey**

A 53 year old municipal special education teacher with the North Providence School Department for 22 years and 6 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**John Marchwicki**

A 58 year old state health and safety officer with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation for 27 years, 1 month and 27 days.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin it was unanimously:

**VOTED**

To adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone  
MAM:gsb

December 30, 2011